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Hon. T. R. Johnston  
County Attorney  
Reagan County  
Big Lake, Texas

Opinion No. O-5973

Re: Whether bonus and rental from oil  
and gas leases on county school lands  
belong to permanent or available school  
fund.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter submitting the  
following statement and asking the following question:

"STATEMENT - Reagan County has leased 708.48 acres  
of land belonging to the Permanent School Fund of the  
County for oil and gas for a consideration of \$2,167.95  
bonus and \$1.00 per year delay rentals.

"QUESTION - Does the bonus from an oil and gas  
lease on land belonging to the Permanent School Fund  
belong in the permanent or available school fund? Does  
the delay rentals under a lease of land belonging to the  
Permanent School Fund of a County go to the permanent or  
available school fund?"

Our answer is that both the bonus and rentals from the  
oil and gas lease on County school land must be deposited in the  
Permanent School Fund.

For a further discussion of the question and citation  
of authorities, see our Opinion No. O-4933, approved November 7,  
1942, copy of which is attached.

Yours very truly

APPROVED APR 24, 1944  
/s/ Geo. P. Blackburn  
(Acting) ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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By /s/ Fagan Dickson  
Fagan Dickson, Assistant

APPROVED: OPINION COMMITTEE  
BY: BWB, CHAIRMAN

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